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Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 11:44 AM
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Cc: Chaney, Sascha (ATSDR/OA/OD); Forrester, Tina (ATSDR/DCHI/OD); Rodenbeck, Sven (ATSDR/DCHI/OD)
Subject: FW: Senator McCaskill's inquiry re: funding for health studies

Hi Sheila and Chinyere,

EPA received a question from Senator McCaskill's office (D-MO) regarding the Westlake Landfill Site (a former DOE/DOD Manhattan Project Site). Steve in the EPA HQ office has talked with Carolyn from EPA leg affairs—this isn't an urgent request and they can send the info for the staffer to us so we can respond directly. I think we should tell EPA that they can let the staffer know that ATSDR will be contacting them (and can provide the staffer with Richard's contact info).

We're working on getting an answer about what we are doing at the site (and what we plan to do—there are currently a few state projects on the workplan to be completed in FY 2014. I'll also make an EHPM entry, but wanted to make sure you were aware up front.

For your background while we do some more sleuthing: <http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Request/Details/e3881572-bbbc-4fa2-9a47-c2da831f7291> and <http://ehpm.cdc.gov/Request/Details/0c2ec9da-9384-48d6-9ada-cb018a974fe2>.

~ Stephanie

From: Levine, Carolyn
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 3:46 PM
To: Jones, Steve
Cc: Woolford, James
Subject: Senator McCaskill inquiry re: funding for health studies

Hi Steve,

I'm not sure where to send this inquiry, so I wanted to check in with you first. Senator McCaskill's office is asking on behalf of community members near the Westlake landfill about federal funding for a health study on nuclear waste sites and their effects on the health of a community. I'm not sure what is already occurring at the site, but I thought I'd start with you, and I will also check in with my R7 counterpart. Thoughts?

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Email to Mark Fowler:

Dear Mark,

The EPA Congressional Affairs Office let us know that you were looking for information regarding a health study near the West Lake Landfill site in north St. Louis.

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry is a non-regulatory agency committed to using the best science to protect people and communities from harmful substances in the environment. We work with other federal, state, and local health agencies to reduce exposure to hazardous substances found near Superfund and other hazardous waste sites through our health assessment process.

ATSDR and our cooperative agreement partner, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS), have been engaged in the north St. Louis area for many years. We developed a public health assessment for the St. Louis Airport Site (SLAPS)/Hazelwood Interim Storage Site (HISS) in 1994. In recent years, we've attended many public meetings led by EPA, DOE and the state. In March 2013, MDHSS developed a cancer incidence data review of the Coldwater Creek area (available at:

<http://www.health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/chronic/cancerinquiry/pdf/ccanalysis.pdf>)